

REMARKS

Claims 5, 8, 10-14, and 16-19, as amended, are pending in this application. In this Response, Applicants have cancelled all of the rejected claims in order to facilitate allowance of the present application. As no new matter has been added, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments at this time.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5, 8-11, 12-14, and 16-19 are allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing the allowability of these claims.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Japanese Patent No. JP 2000-241782 to Kai *et al.* ("Kai") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,411,411 to Okazaki *et al.* ("Okazaki"). As shown above, however, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4 and 20 in order to facilitate allowance. In light of the claim cancellations, Applicants submit that the Examiner's § 103 rejections are moot. As such, reconsideration and issuance of notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present amendments and remarks still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any remaining issues.

A Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith extending the time for response two months to and including August 3, 2009. No other fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any other fees be due, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-4545, Order No. 5243-017-US01.

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